

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

The Department of Education
The Cabinet Room

November 5, 2014
5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Diane Albanese, Linda Brown, Jennifer Burton, Michael Casson, Nelia Dolan, Cristy Greaves, Darren Guido, David Kohan, Rosaria Macera, Byron Murphy, Wendy Murray, Darlene O'Neill, Mary Pinkston and Stephanie Smith

Members Absent: Stephanie Dewitt

Others Present: Chris Kenton; PSB Executive Director, Paula Fontello; Deputy Attorney General, Kimberly Rodriguez; Secretary to PSB, Scott Cole, DSEA; Laura Glass; University of DE; Liz Hoyt, Rodel; Lisa Hedrick, ETS; Donna Mitchell, Wilmington University; Wendy Modzelewski, DOE; Angeline Rivello, DOE

I. Opening

Call to Order: Mr. Murphy, Professional Standards Board Chair, called the meeting to Order at 5:03 p.m.

Proposed Amendment to change the Agenda

1559 Skilled and Technical Science Teacher to be moved from publication to discussion item number J. A Motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the amendment. **The motion carried unanimously.** (Albanese, Brown, Burton, Dolan, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Ms. Albanese and Seconded by Ms. Pinkston to approve the November 5, 2014 Agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously** (Albanese, Brown, Burton, Dolan, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2014

A Motion was made by Dr. Greaves and Seconded by Ms. Murray to approve the October 2, 2014 Minutes. **The motion carried unanimously** (Albanese, Brown, Burton, Dolan, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

II. Executive Director's Report

- Met with DOE associate, Michelle Duke regarding 1580
- Met with the Library Counsel and Annie Norman to discuss the School Library Media Specialist Regulation
- Did a site visit at Cape Henlopen Sussex Consortium
- Involved in the Teacher of the Year selection process
- Met with Laurissa Schutt from Teach for America
- Completed a webinar on Ethics
- Attended a 3 day conference on Ethics
- The Executive Director and the PSB Chairperson met several times to discuss 1571
- Met with Luke Rhine, DOE Director, Delaware CTE and STEM Office to discuss 1559
- Met with Frank Livoy at UD on 1507 ARTC
- Presented to the State Board of Education
- Spoke to the DACTE group with Laura Glass
- Presented to the DASPA group
- Met with DOE associate, Shannon Holston to discuss the 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594 and 1595
- Continuing to advance the regulations under the five year review cycle
- Continue to look at other regulations that need amendments
- Communication (How does everyone know about the regulation changes)
- eBOARD

III. Discussion Items

A. 1561 - Bilingual Teacher and 1562 English to Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) Teacher

- The Executive Director will meet with Terry Richard regarding the regulations and the changes that need to be made.
- 1561 and 1562 are out of the five year cycle and need to be changed and moved forward.
- Concerns were noted about category and content certifications. Discussions followed regarding whether ESOL is a category certification like 1571 or is it a standard content certification just like a science or social studies certification.
- It was clarified that it is possible that a standard certificate can be for both category and content and that clarification would be provided in the regulation.

B. 1580 - School Library Media Specialist

- The PSB Executive Director advised that he met with the Library Counsel and shared the details of the meeting.
- The Board discussed specialist and teaching experience and the time that was needed in the classroom to become an administrator.

- Discussions were held regarding the role of the ARTC program as it applies to School Library Media Specialists. There are currently 20 people enrolled through ARTC in the program.
Discussions were also held regarding HR Directors concerns that there are no applicants that meet the qualifications based on the current requirements.

C. 1590 – Delaware Administrator Standards

- The Executive Director discussed that he has received a request for changes in 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594 and 1595 that may impact 1590.
- It was clarified that the Department of Education reviewing 1595 and have made suggestions in the administrator leader programs approval process. If changes are made 1590 may need to be revisited.

D. 1572 - Teacher of Students Who Are Gifted Or Talented

- The amended regulation is currently out for publication. This appeared November 1st in the Register of Regulations and there is a minimum of 30 day open public comment period. The Executive Director will bring any public comment received back for consideration next month.

E. 1512 – Issuance of Renewal of Advanced License

- Discussions were held on the regulation. The amended regulation with minor changes was approved for publication at the October 2014 meeting. The regulation was published in the November Register of Regulations and public comments are currently being accepted. The regulation was presented to the State Board in October with no concerns. The regulation along with any public comments received will be considered for final approval at the December 2014 meeting.

F. 1513 – Denial of Licenses

- Discussions were held on the regulation. The amended regulation with minor changes was approved for publication at the October 2014 meeting. The regulation was published in the November Register of Regulations and public comments are currently being accepted. The regulation was presented to the State Board in October with no concerns. The regulation along with any public comments received will be considered for final approval at the December 2014 meeting.

G. 1514 - Revocation, Limitation or Suspension of Licenses

- Discussions were held on the regulation. The regulation was presented for reauthorization with no changes at the October 2014 meeting and was approved for publication. The regulation was published in the November Register of Regulations and public comments are currently being accepted. The regulation was presented to the State Board in October with no concerns raised. The regulation along with any public comments received will be considered for final approval at the December 2014 meeting.

H. 1571 – Special Education Teacher of Students with Disabilities

- The Executive Director commented that he would like to spend some time with the Department to find common ground before presenting to the State

Board. The regulation was approved in January 2013. Changes were being presented to update the requirements and provide clarification due to SB51. Changes to the regulation will be made and presented to the PSB at a future date.

- Discussions were held regarding the draft language around primary assignment and a definition.
- Discussions were also held regarding grandfather clauses in the regulation.
- Some suggestions were noted for regarding different criteria to gain content certification.
- Questions were raised about what is appropriate and is there another way to accomplish the goal?
- Ms. Fontello provided clarifications regarding a public comment regarding 14 Del. C. 1210 and initial license requirements. She also clarified that the requirements would also apply to all applicants applying for a certificate including applicants for a continuing or advanced license.
- Many questions and concerns were noted by the Board regarding the current draft of 1571 and content certification.

I. 1559 – Skilled and Technical Science Teacher

- The Executive Director with Luke Rhine at the Department of Education. Based on the meeting he concluded that there were many concerns that needed to be addressed before 1559 was considered for publication. Ms. Fontello provided clarification regarding some of the examples in the definition and advised that references are examples and could be deleted.
- The Executive Director advised that he will have additional meetings with Luke Rhine to make changes for clarity.

IV. Presentation

- None

V. Action Items

1507 – Alternative Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification Program (For Publication)

- The Executive Director met with Mr. Livoy at the University of Delaware. 1507 is being reviewed under the five year cycle and no changes are being proposed at this time. A report regarding ARTC programs is due to the General Assembly in January 2015; however, it is recommended to move the regulation forward for publication for public comment. It was also acknowledged that if the report prompts changes the regulation may be revisited at a later date.
- The Board discussed different concerns and positive comment about Teach for America by Board members.

Clarification was provided that the regulation was written in 2009 and due to specific legal requirements regarding Teach for America, it was necessary to

include a specific reference to the TFA program in the regulation. A suggestion was given that because it is many years later and there are five approved alternative routes program that are not called out in the regulation, there may not be the need to call out any one alternative routes program. It was noted that the specific changes provision in the Delaware Code regarding Teach for America are set to sunset in April 2015.

- Clarification was given by Legal Counsel that the proposal is to reauthorize with no changes.

A motion was made by Dr. Greaves to move 1507 Alternative Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification forward as written and seconded by Dr. Guido. **The motion passed. (13 Yes Albanese, Brown, Burton, Casson, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith and 1 No Dolan).**

VI. **PSB Standing Committees**

A. **Licensure and Certification Criteria and Professional Development and Associated Compensation**

- The Executive Director advised that no meetings have taken place. New meeting dates will be sent out soon.
- Discussions were held regarding the length of committee member service.

VII. **Other**

None

VIII. **Public Comment**

None

IX. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Burton and was seconded by Mr. Kohan to adjourn the meeting. **The motion carried unanimously (Albanese, Brown, Burton, Casson, Dolan, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).** The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.